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Amdt dated Dec. 13, 2005  
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### **Remarks**

The Examiner is sincerely thanked for the courtesy shown to applicant's representative during the telephone discussion of Dec. 13, 2005.

#### **Section I - Substance of Interview**

None of the claims remaining in the present application, after this amendment, were discussed. The Office Action of September 16, 2005 was discussed with the aim of clarifying the Examiner's comments with respect to claims 71, 72 and 74-75 to guide the Applicant in filing a continuing application related to the present application.

#### **Section II - Amendments to the claims**

Claims 40 and 44-50 remain in this application. Claims 1-25, 27-29, 35, 39 and 41-43 were previously cancelled and claims 26, 30-34, 36-38 and 51-79 are presently cancelled.

The Examiner is thanked for allowing independent claim 40 as well as dependent claims 44-50. As each claim remaining herein is directed to allowable subject matter, applicant submits the amendment puts the application in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

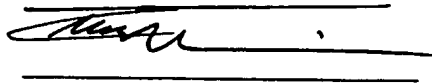
Applicant advises its present amendment is directed to expediting the issuance of this allowable subject matter and is not to be construed as surrendering any subject matter in any amended or cancelled claims or as an admission that such claims prior to this amendment are not patentable. Applicant expressly reserves the right to seek patent protection for the un-amended claims, the original claims and any and all other claims

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supported by the above-identified application in one or more later-filed related applications. Thus, all previously and presently cancelled claims are cancelled without prejudice.

If the Examiner believes there are any further matters which need to be discussed in order to expedite the prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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